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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was usually steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient to ample for the moderate to good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned and loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for jumbo and small and fully adequate for the balance.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	
			Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43	LARGE	17-26 21
LARGE	35-45	36-39	MEDIUM	6-12 10
MEDIUM	25-35	27-30	SMALL	6-10

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was usually steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the fair demand. Schedules were reported as generally normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly regular for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-61	47-50
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	29-42	34-36

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for jumbos and small and fully adequate for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-38

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was usually steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to ample for the fair demand. Breaking schedules were generally normal. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42.5-52.25	44-47
LARGE	41-48.25	42-45
MEDIUM	30.5-38.25	31-35

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices ended the week unchanged on extra large, large and medium. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	41-45

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43-52	45-49
LARGE	42-51	43-45
MEDIUM	32-41	35-37

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 2 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 47. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 10 for \$10, 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 2 for \$3, medium 20 pack 99.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	67

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	69-89
EXTRA LARGE	67-79
LARGE	65-68
MEDIUM	54-57

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-189

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-26	23-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	13-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was fair but unaggressive. Offerings were about adequate to ample. Breaking schedules were generally normal. Trade sentiment was unsettled to barely steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 14 May 2005 were 1% more than last week, but 1% less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-26	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	12-16
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E14-MAY-05**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,327,875	31,251	13,368	7,251	2,982	4,481
LY	1,304,131	30,602	12,936	7,070	3,170	4,357
% Chg PWK	2%	0%	5%	3%	3%	-2%
% Chg LY	3%	2%	8%	5%	-3%	1%
2005	24,251,718	577,346	238,644	127,865	52,972	83,766
2004	22,724,228	539,236	218,357	121,439	50,545	78,866
% Chg YTD	7%	7%	9%	5%	5%	6%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.19	42.44	42.15
(Inedible Excluded)	38.93	39.06	38.81

**NATIONAL LIQUID**

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 46 to 48.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and steady with a firm undertone for yolk. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg and whites and good for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites and adequate to in close balance for yolk. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE		TFEWR		
WHITES	12	13-15	14.50	.27
YOLKS	14	51-55	52.36	.25

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged with salted yolk unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and steady to instances fully steady for sugared and salted yolk. Demand was moderate for all frozen products while offerings were adequate. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	35-38	36-37
WHITES	34-38	36
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-61	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-57	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged on whole, higher on whites, irregular on sugar yolks, and unchanged to lower on salt yolks when compared to last week values. Demand was fair, but unaggressive. Supplies and offerings were adequate for most trade needs, although yolks continue to remain in the best position. Trade sentiment was unsettled to steady on whites, generally steady on whole and steady to full steady on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 14-May-2005 were 2% more than last week, and 10% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
			WHOLE
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		56-75
WHITES	32-37	34-37	39-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-61	57-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	55-57	59-65

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/14 was unchanged from the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	41-44
WHITES	39-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on yolks, higher on whole, but lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light to moderately good. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mixed on whole, steady to full steady on yolks, and unsettled to barely steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 14-May-2005 were 3% higher than the previous week, but 3% less than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 5% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY 1.40-1.45
YOLKS	1.25-1.45	MOSTLY 1.40-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.15-2.30	MOSTLY 2.19-2.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.27-1.65	MOSTLY 1.27-1.40

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 13, 2005-MAY 19, 2005  
**CURRENT LOADS** 96.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 68.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 165.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	24.50	24.50	25.67	27.79	—	27.00	18.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	28.50	32.50	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	47.50	48.50	37.75	—	5.00
GL W XL	31.00	35.00	37.60	38.98	29.46	34.33	37.25
GL W LG	—	34.33	32.75	33.43	28.39	27.90	40.25
GL W MD	27.00	24.00	24.50	26.00	17.94	19.67	12.50
GL W SM	23.30	26.40	23.13	26.00	18.00	—	13.00
GL BR MD	23.50	27.00	—	—	—	—	.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	22.00	23.00	28.00	25.48	33.25
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	17.00	—	18.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.00	17.83	8.00

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.50 6.00
GL W J	42.00	—	—	—	49.00	51.25	4.00
GL W XL	33.80	36.25	33.50	—	—	40.59	14.50
GL W LG	27.82	36.29	—	43.50	—	38.48	21.50
GL W MD	21.45	27.00	—	—	25.00	26.45	8.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	27.00	—	30.00	33.00	2.00
NRBS - 36	15.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	2.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
 WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS  
 (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
 CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens was fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for the generally adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs unchanged. Demand was good to very good with offerings mostly fully adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-8.5	7-8

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules full. Offerings adequate.

### SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

MAY 20, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	48.50	47.00	35.00
SOUTHEAST	45.50	43.50	33.00
MIDWEST	40.00	37.50	28.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	36.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	46.90	43.73	33.38

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; adequate to at least adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-31 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

### LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 14-MAY-05

#### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,528	1,462	2,990
Last Week	1,604	1,485	3,089
Same week yr ago	1,410	1,214	2,624
To-date/2005	29,227	25,673	54,900
To-date/2004	24,795	24,173	48,968

#### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	300	0	300
Last Week	216	8	224
Same week yr ago	310	8	318
To-date/2005	5,460	26	5,486
To-date/2004	4,667	60	4,727

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

#### TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,828	1,462	3,290
Last Week	1,820	1,493	3,313
Same week yr ago	1,720	1,222	2,942
To-date/2005	34,687	25,699	60,386
To-date/2004	29,462	24,233	53,695

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 07, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	0	152	4,519	2,953
Frozen	0	0	21	0
Dried	0	49	107	236
Total	0	201	4,647	3,189

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 07, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	37	34	2,414	1,294
Frozen	0	87	327	744
Dried	0	80	340	1,209
Total	37	201	3,081	3,247

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 07, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	33	33	83
Extra Large	0	3,647	24,920	15,395
Large	0	7,870	60,118	37,383
Medium	0	2,790	22,830	22,860
Ungraded	0	15,216	38,690	90,775
Misc	0	30	4,093	10,490
Total	0	29,586	150,684	176,986

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	05/16/05	3,308	108,279	48,138
AM	05/01/05	3,407	112,518	48,154
CHG		-99	-4239	-16
PCT CHG		-3%	-4%	0%

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

(In Units of 1,000)

	31-Mar 2004	31-Mar 2005	30-Apr 2004	30-Apr 2005
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
Whites	2,860	2,845	2,837	2,841
Yolks	1,003	828	966	651
Whole & Mixed	11,895	12,108	13,193	12,551
Unclassified	3,489	2,767	3,910	2,809
<b>Total Frozen Eggs</b>	<b>19,247</b>	<b>18,548</b>	<b>20,906</b>	<b>18,852</b>

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 14-May-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	240.1	0	3
East North Central	560.4	4	-4
West North Central	275.7	3	-4
South Atlantic	202.2	1	4
South Central	64.5	21	-8
West	211.7	4	15
Total	1554.6	4	0

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 14-May-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	Percent Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	27.7	22.8	21	10
Boston	3.4	3.5	-3	-6
Chicago	63.3	65.3	-3	2
Detroit	24.7	32.0	-23	-2
Kansas City	3.7	3.3	12	-66
Los Angeles	104.7	116.3	-10	15
New Orleans	6.3	7.9	-20	-13
New York	29.1	28.9	1	-3
St. Louis	15.7	16.2	-3	1
San Francisco	18.4	18.6	-1	-21
Total	297.0	314.8	-6	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	305.1			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

May 17, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	EXTRA	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
MAINE	92	90	68	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	85-89	83-87	61-65	39-43
MOSTLY	87-88	85-86	63-64	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	91-95	89-93	67-71	45-49
MOSTLY	91	89	67	45
VERMONT	92-97	90-95	68-75	-
MOSTLY	92	90	68	-

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